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6. [redacted] a factory rumored to produce pharmaceuticals. The factory was located about one-half kilometer east of the Bakhchisaray (44° 47' N 33° 54' E) railroad station and employed about sixty people in three shifts during the month of August, the only period during which the factory worked.
7. Early in August, farmers in the area brought in a kind of wheat called "shalfe". This plant was about three feet long, the stem was about one-half inch in diameter and the bloom had a pink top and a bluish bottom. The shalfe was loaded in four or five kettles of approximately 100-gallon capacity each at the factory and packed with a fork to about one foot from the top of the kettle. The kettle was then hermetically sealed and heated by means of steam pipes wrapped around the kettle. The shalfe was steamed for about one to one and a half hours. A vapor was drawn through a tube connected to the side of the kettle and liquefied in a can about 8" long and about 4" in diameter, which I believed to be some kind of cooling system. The liquid from each batch filled about half of a glass jar about 18" high and eight inches in diameter. The glass jars were immediately taken to the warehouse and kept under guard. The warehouse was the only covered building in the factory area. It was possible to distill about three full batches in each kettle each eight hours.
8. There was one guard at each kettle and the product was carefully controlled. The management of the factory was very secretive and made no answer to our guesses at what the product was used for. Nobody working in the factory appeared to get drunker than usual during this period and the management did not appear to drink at all. I doubt that this was a Vodka distillery. The workers generally agreed that the product was for some new medicine.

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